

Hi everyone

Welcome to the June edition of the Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter. Welcome particularly to any new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time.....

JB's June edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" is also now available online on the Social Club's website at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk> To view it, once in the Bugle section, via the link on the homepage, click on the appropriate month's link.

Please keep those stories coming in for inclusion in future issues. (JB's direct email address is johnbryan13@sky.com, or you can send items directly to me to pass on: john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk

BIGGIN HILL LOSES MORE OLD FRIENDS

Sadly I have to report the passing of two more old Biggin Hill'ites:

BOB GIBBS

Bob first flew at Biggin Hill in the late 60's, and was, for a while, the Operations Manager at Fairflight Charters, one of Biggin's largest and most successful charter companies. Bob moved over onto the flight department, becoming a pilot with the company and handed over the Ops job to yours truly. He flew Doves, Heron's, and Chieftains all over Europe, and then transferred to Air Ecosse, Fairflight's Scottish division, where he flew Bandeirantes, and Twin Otters predominantly for the Scottish Oil support industry.

In more recent years, Bob has been a Captain on a corporate Global Express operating from the Middle East, along with two or three other old Biggin Hill'ites.

Bob died, I believe, after a short period of illness. His funeral was held on 31st May in Swanwick, Derbyshire. Bob's name has been added to the Biggin Hill Reunited "Roll of Honour". R.I.P. Bob...

CHRISTINE ST LEGER

Just while writing this Newsletter, I received an email from Giles St Leger, the son of David and Christine St Leger. As a couple, David and Christine were very active Biggin Hill'ites in the 60's both in the flying world and socially. David, who learnt to fly at Vendair, went on to fly for the airlines but sadly passed away many years ago.

I understand from Giles that his mother sadly passed away recently following a long illness suffering from Parkinsons.

Many of the older Biggin Hill'ites will be sad to hear of her passing. Christine's name has been added to the Biggin Hill Reunited "Roll of Honour" alongside David's name. R.I.P. Christine - still remembering David fondly...

MARQUEE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

The Hurricane Marquee and Enclosure is now very close to maximum capacity, so if you originally reserved them and haven't taken up your tickets, they are now being sold to other takers on a first come, first served. The same as for the actual show entry tickets, the Enclosure tickets will also not be available to anyone once the capacity has been reached, and in any case there will be no facility to process purchases after Wednesday 8th June. Please remember that it is available for all airport Owners and Tenants (past and present), as well as Database members, and of course their friends and colleagues.

The cost for each place in the Enclosure is £20 and, if you need an order form please email me (john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk) with the numbers required and I will put you on the reservation list. Tickets will be offered in the order that reservations are received and once offered the place, the reservation will only be held for 48 hours to allow payment and the order form to reach us. (after that time, the tickets will be made available to others instead).

As in previous years, the enclosure will provide a marquee with tables and seating, plus a garden area with seating to view the display right on the front of the flight display line. There will be a pay bar in the marquee offering an assortment of beers, spirits and wines, plus teas and coffees. Guests will be free to bring their own picnics and refreshments to enjoy through the display.

BIGGIN HILL "FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT"

With only a week and a half to go to this year's Festival of Flight on 11th June, tickets for the event have been selling very well, If you haven't already got your own show entry tickets, I strongly recommend that you obtain them quickly. Once 15,000 have been sold, no further tickets will be available no exceptions! And don't forget, there will be definitely be no tickets available on the day!

To keep up to date with plans for the show, you can visit the show's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1637979396466921/> and also on the Festival of Flight website at www.bhfof.com , where you can also purchase your show entry tickets.

NICK DAVIDSON MEMORIAL FLYING SCHOLLARSHIPS

Another two "Nick Davidson Memorial Flying Scholarships" are being funded by the Davidson family to enable two more young persons between the ages of 15 and 25 to learn to fly and qualify to the standard of a full Private Pilot's Licence (PPL) at Biggin Hill Airport. Individual scholarship will be offered for 2017 and 2018 following interviews for all applicants before a selection panel.

Promoted and managed in association with London Biggin Hill Airport, the scheme now benefits from support by Shipping & Airlines, Adams Aviation Supply Company and the Bamrah family. Flying training will be allocated to instructors at the Surrey and Kent Flying Club.

The initial two scholarships, which were a legacy from the late Captain Nick Davidson of British Airways who died from cancer in 2012, proved very successful with the winners, John Harrison and Steven Inch. John is now studying for his professional airline pilot's licence and Steven now under training to be a fighter pilot in the Royal Air Force.

The criteria for applicants, and the full application procedure for the 2017 scholarship, worth around £12,000 to the winner, can be found at:

<http://www.bigginhillairport.com/2016/05/new-nick-davidson-memorial-flying-scholarships-at-biggin-hill/>

BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT LTD – NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Nick MacAndrew has been appointed to the Board of Biggin Hill Airport Ltd as a non-executive Director. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, he was born in Scotland in February 1947, and was raised in Yorkshire, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1971.

His professional career commenced in 1971 with Schroders plc, with whom he served in London, Hong Kong and the USA for more than 30 years. In 1991, he was appointed their Chief Financial Officer. Over the last fourteen years he has held a number of high profile non-executive directorships with Wates Group, Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc, Fuller Smith & Turner, and F & C Asset Management plc, where he was Chairman. He has also served as Chairman of English Touring Opera and the Save The Children Fund.

Andrew Walters, Chairman of the Board, said of the appointment, “I am delighted that Nick is joining us at this important stage of the airport’s development. His experience in the banking sector will be an invaluable addition to our board.”

Nick MacAndrew is married and lives in Hampshire. He has three adult children.

UK REFERENDUM

Clearly this newsletter is not the place to air my personal views on this important event. But I do think it is probably the most important event ever to happen in my lifetime and I don’t think it should be ignored here.

I would urge you, whatever your personal views, to take the time to place your vote on the 23rd June in this ‘once in a lifetime’ referendum that will shape the future of the United Kingdom for us, our children, and our children’s children.

Let’s please at least make this a proper show of real majority opinion, whatever the ultimate outcome, and not the usual apathetic display at more conventional National and Local elections in this country, which have frighteningly low turnouts.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS & BUSINESSES

If you would like me to include your business in the Newsletter, either on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please drop me an email with your contact details and I’ll be in touch directly. (John Willis - john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

FALCON FLIGHT ACADEMY (inc EFG) & FALCON FLIGHT SERVICES

Greetings from a rather blustery Biggin Hill!

Schools and clubs have had a good month of flying in and around some strange weather. Nonetheless we have all tried to keep our wings level and climbs steady.

In and amongst the weather the controllers have been on massive form with staff shortages. We are extremely grateful to Jo, Andy and the team over there for accommodating us and working tirelessly to keep the props turning.

June sees our very own Peter Aldous commence his CPL so we wish him the best of luck. To all of those who have been trying to get in their various cross country, tests and revals we wish you a very happy summer of flying.

Don't forget that EFG and S&K can cater for all your flight training requirements.

The Falcon hangar been subject to a paint job making sure that you know we look after ourselves as well as all of our loyal friends and customers.

Our latest project involves a Cessna 152 flown over from France. She has a gorgeous interior and long range tanks so come and take a look and have a chat with Singh about it!

We look forward to the upcoming Festival of Flight. EFG will be closed but fear not, come and say hi to us at our stand!

7th August sees us host our EFG Open day and BBQ so let us know if you'll be able to join us for a beer and burger!

That's all for now.

Wishing you calm skies and clear horizon.

Stay blessed.

Anoop Singh Bamrah

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS

There has been much going on behind the scenes in May. Biggin Hill Airport were exhibitors at the EBACE trade show in Geneva and finalised various new deal that will be announced in the coming months. At home the weather was somewhat variable and traffic levels were largely as forecast.

Preparations for the Festival of Flight continue and the show promises to be entertaining. Tickets sales are much as expected so far, with the new "children go free" policy getting some positive feedback from the local community.

BHAL has now completed all negotiations with the Council on the revised airport operating hours and Council officers have submitted their report and recommendations to the Executive for consideration at their meeting on 15th June 2016 at 1900. We hope that this will be the last hurdle in the process. Once this milestone is passed, we will begin to install the Noise Monitoring and Track Keeping System and then apply the Noise Action Plan.

Once this is in place it will be impossible for those failing to abide by best practice to evade detection! We do not anticipate the new hours being adopted immediately because, of course, we have to increase staffing levels and train new staff before we can take advantage of the more flexible hours. However, the industry has responded favourably to the change of conditions at Biggin Hill and we expect to be making several announcements in the coming weeks regarding new investment at the aerodrome as a result of the changes.

The business world is currently holding its breath to see what will happen in the upcoming EU referendum. The Prime Minister appears to have forgotten his duty to the country and is doing his best, along with his misguided colleagues, to talk the UK into a recession. The economy has not responded as he expected and steadfastly refuses to take a downturn! The outcome is too close to call at present, but it is to be hoped that the result will be to leave the EU as the level of regulation and additional red tape that is foisted upon the airport annually cannot be borne any longer. Frankly, it makes no one any safer and serves only to add layer upon layer of unnecessary costs. It has reduced the UK CAA, once a worldwide gold standard in aviation regulation, to a tick box organisation with no thoughts or policies of its own.

On a personal level, I encourage everyone to vote to leave the EU for the sake of the next generation. Britain is an innovative, hard-working, nation that is different on every level to its European counterparts. We really do not need a fourth level of government, less still one that is not accountable to the electorate. The EU is a Marxist experiment that is not borne of democracy, but rather of a naked political ambition in the part of diehard EU federalists. It will not end well for the people of Europe. It took Britain over a thousand years to evolve the only known and proven method of government to truly make its people free and equal in the eyes of the law. It began with King Arthur deciding that a man accused of a crime should be tried by twelve of his peers – a jury – and not by the local baron. Magna Carta removed some powers from the crown and the English civil war finished the job by ensuring that no man, even the King, was above the law. This accidental construction has been the bedrock of the law in every truly free nation in history. It has endured the test of time, war, depression and boom. Why are we even considering changing that for a system of government broadly based upon the former USSR? Because that is what remaining in the EU will mean. The Lisbon Treaty, signed by Gordon Brown in an act that amounted to no less than high treason, gives supremacy of law to the EU and will result in the eventual removal of trial by jury and the end of the British justice system as we know and understand it. Do not listen to the politicians – do the right thing and vote for a legal system and a system of government that is tried, tested and proven to work.

As Winston Churchill said, “Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others”.

Best regards,
Will Curtis
MD – Biggin Hill Airport Ltd

BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks for some who have already sent in their Club renewal fee, cards have been sent out. This membership really does help to cover the server costs for the two websites. (Of

course, membership is NOT required just to continue receiving the Newsletters!) If you have paid, but have not yet received your membership cards, please get in touch.

Full membership details can be found at www.bigginhillclub.co.uk - Postal address is on the website. Existing members don't need a further form on renewing, just send the appropriate fee. (If you want me to use a new photo, please send a new head and shoulder shot with your name on the reverse – or you can email the photo to me). If you are a new member, please send both the fee, head and shoulder photo, and a completed application form.

(In all cases, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of the membership card(s).

Thanks again for your support, which is much appreciated

EMAIL ADDRESSES

A constantly updated list of members can be seen at <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk> Please remember to let me know if your email address is changed. If you know others who are not on the list but are eligible to join (i.e. if they currently fly from the airport, or work there, or ever have done so) please let me know or tell them about us – Database membership is, of course, free.

That's it for this month.....

John Willis

Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally: As usual, a few amusing stories that, according to the many comments I receive about this section, is very popular amongst the membership. (As always, no offence to anyone is intended!). Thanks to everyone for sending their contributions....)

QUOTE.....

Fresh from my shower, I stood in front of the mirror complaining to my husband that my breasts are too small.

Instead of romantically telling me this was untrue, he uncharacteristically came up with a suggestion: 'If you want your breasts to grow, then take a piece of toilet paper and rub it between them for a few seconds every day.'

Willing to try anything, I got a piece of toilet paper and stood in front of the mirror, rubbing it between my breasts.

"How long will this take?" I asked.

"They will grow larger over a period of years," my husband replied.

I stopped. "Do you really think rubbing a piece of toilet paper between my breasts every day will make my breasts larger over the years?"

Without missing a beat he said, "Worked for your bum, didn't it?"

The idiot is still alive, and with a great deal of therapy, he may even walk again, although he will probably continue to eat his meals through a straw.

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A mother was working in the kitchen, listening to her eight-year-old son playing with his new electric train set in the living room.

She heard the train stop and her son saying....."All of you bastards who want off, get the hell off now, 'cause this is the last stop! And all of you bastards who are getting on, get your ass in the train, 'cause we are going on down the tracks."

The horrified mother went in and told her son, "We don't use that kind of language in this house. Now I want you to go to your room and stay there for TWO HOURS. When you come out, you may play with your train, but I want you to use nice language."

Two hours later, the son came out of the bedroom and resumed playing with his train. Soon the train stopped and the mother heard her son say..... "All passengers who are disembarking the train, please remember to take all your belongings with you. We thank you for traveling with us today and hope your trip was a pleasant one."

She hears the little boy continue....."For those of you just boarding, we ask you to stow all your hand luggage under your seat. Remember there is no smoking on the train. We hope you will have a pleasant and relaxing journey with us today."

As the mother began to smile, the child added, "For those of you who are pissed off about the TWO HOUR delay, please see the fat bitch in the kitchen."

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Madeline was in the fertilized egg business. She had several hundred young 'pullets' and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs. She kept records and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced.

This took a lot of time, so she bought some tiny bells and attached them to her roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so she could tell from a distance which rooster was performing. Now, she could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

Madeline's favourite rooster, old Butch, was a very fine specimen: but, this morning she noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all!

When she went to investigate, she saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover. To Madeline's amazement, old Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job, and walk on to the next one.

Madeline was so proud of old Butch, she entered him in the Dowerin Show and he became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The result was the judges not only awarded old Butch the "No Bell Peace Prize": they also awarded him the "Pulletsurprise" as well.

Clearly old Butch was a politician in the making.

So remember, who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the unsuspecting populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention?

Vote carefully in the next election. You won't always hear the warning bells.

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If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive.

I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

I'm great at multi-tasking -- I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

Take my advice — I'm not using it.

My wife and I were happy for twenty years; then we met.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?

Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.

I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?

Money is the root of all wealth.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

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Retired Person's Perspective

1. I'm not saying let's go kill all the stupid people. I'm just saying let's remove all the warning labels and let the problem work itself out.
2. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now.
3. You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands. If they are holding a gun, she's probably very unhappy.
4. You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone you've just met? That's common sense leaving your body.
5. I don't like making plans for the day. Because then the word "premeditated" gets thrown around in the courtroom.
6. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes 1,500 days in a row.
7. I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

8. Dear paranoid people who check behind shower curtains for murderers: If you find one, what's your plan?
9. Everyone has a right to be stupid. Politicians just abuse the privilege.

Old age is not as bad as I thought. It's a good feeling when you just don't give a hoot anymore and you feel happy just to wake up in the morning.

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God Said, "Adam, I Want you to do Something for Me."

Adam Said, "Gladly, Lord, what do you want me to do?"

God Said, "Go down Into that Valley."

Adam said, "What's a valley?"

So God explained it to him. Then God said, "Cross the River."

Adam said, "What's a River?"

God explained that To him, and then said, "Go over to the Hill....."

Adam said, "What is a Hill?"

So, God explained to Adam what a hill was. He told Adam, "On the other side of the hill you will find a Cave."

Adam said, 'What's a Cave?'

After God explained, He said, "In the cave You will find a woman."

Adam said, "What's a Woman?'

So God explained that to him, too. Then, God said, 'I Want you to reproduce.'

Adam said, "How do I do That he asks?"

God first said (under His breath), "Geez....." And then, just like everything else, God explained that to Adam, as well.

So, Adam goes down into the valley,
Across the river, and over the hill,
Into the Cave, and finds the Woman.

Then, with-in about five minutes, he was back.

God, His patience wearing quite thin, Said Angry tone, "WHAT IS IT NOW?"

And Adam calmly said....

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"What's a Headache?"

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WHO SAID FOOTBALLERS AREN'T INTELLIGENT?

"My parents have always been there for me, ever since I was about 7." - David Beckham

"I would not be bothered if we lost every game as long as we won the league." - Mark Viduka

"If you don't believe you can win, there is no point in getting out of bed at the end of the day." - Neville Southall

"I've had 14 bookings this season - 8 of which were my fault, but 7 of which were disputable." – Paul Gascoigne

"I'd like to play for an Italian club, like Barcelona." - Mark Draper

"I'm as happy as I can be - but I have been happier." - Ugo Ehiogu

"Leeds is a great club and it's been my home for years, even though I live in Middlesbrough." -Jonathan Woodgate

"I can see the carrot at the end of the tunnel." - Stuart Pearce

"I took a whack on my left ankle, but something told me it was my right." - Lee Hendrie

"I couldn't settle in Italy - it was like living in a foreign country." - Ian Rush

"Germany are a very difficult team to play. They had 11 internationals out there today." - Steve Lomas

"I always used to put my right boot on first, and then obviously my right sock." - Barry Venison

"I definitely want Brooklyn to be christened, but I don't know into what religion yet" - David Beckham

"The Brazilians were South American, and the Ukrainians will be more European" - Phil

Neville

"All that remains is for a few dots and commas to be crossed." - Mitchell Thomas

"One accusation you can't throw at me is that I've always done my best." - Alan Shearer

"I'd rather play in front of a full house than an empty crowd." - Johnny Giles

"Sometimes in football you have to score goals." - Thierry Henry

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Why we must never let newspapers die - and these proof readers and editors don't fall asleep during the day either. All the following are genuine Newspaper headlines...

Diana was still alive hours before she died

Bugs flying around are flying bugs

Republicans turned off by size of Obama's package

Girls schools are still offering "something special" Head says

Tiger Woods still plays with own balls, Nike says

Statistics show that teenage pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25

Federal Agents raid gun shop, Find weapons

Marijuana issue sent to a joint committee

Homicide victims rarely talk to police

Worker suffers leg pain after crane drops 800 pound ball on his head

Bridges help people cross rivers

City unsure why the sewer smells

Study shows frequent sex enhances pregnancy chances

Meeting on open meetings is closed

Man accused of killing lawyer receives new attorney

Barbershop singers bring joy to school for deaf

Hospitals resort to hiring Doctors - Physician shortage prompting move, administrators say

Man with 8 DUI's blames drinking problem

New sick policy requires 2-day notice

Parents keep kids home to protest school closure

Starvation can lead to health hazards

The bra celebrates a pair of historic milestones this year - After 100 years of innovation, the device still holds up

Total lunar eclipse will be broadcast live on Northwoods Public Radio

Miracle cure kills fifth patient

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(If anyone else has good examples of, for example: - Governmental stupidity and removal of the population's right to live a normal life, or simply any funny, unusual and interesting stories or anecdotes that you feel may interest or amuse our readers, please email them to me as a possible inclusion in a monthly "and Finally" ...)